

REMARKS

Before the present Amendment, Claims 1-31 were pending. In the present Amendment, Applicants have amended Claims 1-30. Accordingly, Claims 1-31 are currently pending.

Applicants have undertaken to amend the specification to insert priority claims, and amended the headings in accordance with U.S. practice. No new subject matter has been introduced as a result of this amendment.

Applicants have also amended the claims in accordance with U.S. practice and to eliminate multiple dependencies so that all claims are singularly dependent from previous claims.

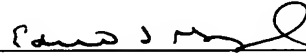
The application includes a Sequence Listing in paper form. Applicants also file herewith a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing. A transmission cover sheet filed herewith includes a signed statement of equivalence of the Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form.

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As a result of this amendment, no additional fees should be assessed as a result of filing multiple dependent claims. Therefore, since new matter has not been introduced as a result of this amendment, entry hereof and examination and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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